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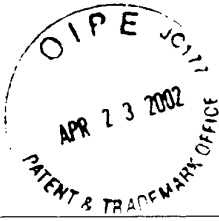
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The Applicant submits the following amendment for consideration in connection with and prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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"This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. Sections 120 and 365 to International Application No. PCT/JP01/08385, filed on September 26, 2001. The disclosure of the international application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety."



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